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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE TUC (SEPT 5) OVERWHELMINGLY RE-

ENDORSED ITS CURRENT POLICY OF "CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO BRITAIN'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET" AS WELL AS THE BOYCOTT OF EC INSTITUTIONS, AFTER REJECTING AN EFFORT EARLIER IN THE WEEK TO CALL FOR BRITAIN'S WITHDRAWAL NOW. END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE REAFFIRMING ITS "CONTINUED OPPOSITION" (AND MOST SPEAKERS ON THE SUBJECT DID SO BITTERLY AND SHRILLY) CONGRESS HEWED AT THE SAME TIME CLOSELY TO THE LABOR GOVERNMENT POLICY OF RENEGOTIATION AND REFERENDUM, AND TO THE LABOR PARTY'S POLICY OF NON-PARTICIPATION AT STRASBOURG.

3. THE CONGRESS RESOLUTION NOTES THAT BRITAIN'S MEMBERSHIP "HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE." IT REAFFIRMS "ITS OPPOSITION TO THE ENTRY TERMS NEGOTIATED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT AND URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO SPEED UP NEGOTIATIONS OF NEW TERMS WITH THE EEC, RESTORING TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT THE SOLE POWER OVER LEGISLATION AND TAXATION AND REJECTING THE CAP." IT CALLED FOR A "REFERENDUM FOR OR AGAINST MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET BEFORE COMMITTING THE COUNTRY WITHIN ANY NEW NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC."

4. THE RESOLUTION FURTHER ASKS THAT "REFERENDUM RESULTS SHOULD BE DECLARED FOR EACH PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY" AND CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT "TO INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS ARE MADE GOVERNING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONIES AND ACCESS TO TELEVISION MEDIA (EQUAL TIME) IN ORDER THAT THE EXERCISING OF AN IMPARTIAL JUDGEMENT BY THE ELECTORATE SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY FINANCIALLY-SPONSORED PROPAGANDA". AN EFFORT BY FRANK CHAPPLE'S ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNION "IN THE MATTER OF REALISTIC SELF-INTEREST" TO GET THE TUC TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS WAS OVERWHELMINGLY BURSHED ASIDE.

5. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IF THE DELEGATES COULD HAVE ALL VOTED YESTERDAY IN TERMS OF A SIMPLE "YES OR NO" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFERENDUM ON EC MEMBERSHIP, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN AN OVERWHELMING "NO" VOTE. SPEAKER AFTER SPEAKER ATTACKED THE COMMUNITY, BLAMING IT FOR BLEEDING BRITAIN'S EALTH, DESCRIBING IT AS A PROTECTOR OF THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATION AND CHARGING IT WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF OTHER MORTAL SINS. EVEN JOE GORMLEY, MINERS' LEADER (NUM), WHOSE UNION RECENTLY REVERSED ITS POLICY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE EUROPEAN STEEL COMMITTEE, CAME TO THE PLATFORM

AND SOMEWHAT SHEEPISHLY SAID THAT THE NUM COULD CARRY
ON ITS WORK INSTEAD THROUGH THE EUROPEAN TRADE
UNION CONFERENCE (ETUC).

6. THERE WERE FEW SUPPORTERS APART FROM REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE MUNICIPAL WORKERS (GMWU) AND THE PROFESSIONAL AND
TECHNICAL WORKERS (APEX) WHOSE LEADER ROY GRANTHAM BRAVELY
AND CLEARLY ARGUED AGAINST TUC'S ADOPTING
A POSITION ON EC MEMBERSHIP BEFORE A REFERENDUM TOOK PLACE.
HE SAID THAT AFTER ALL "THIS IS NOT A GUIDED
DEMOCRACY," WARNED OF THE POSSIBLE DANGER OF A LABOR
PARTY DIVISION SUCH AS THAT WHICH SPLIT THE NORWEGIAN
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN RELATION TO THAT COUNTRY'S
REFERENDUM, AND COUNTERED A NUMBER OF THE ARGUMENTS
AGAINST THE EC VOICED BY THE OTHER DELEGATES.

7. CLIVE JENKINS (ASTMS), WHOSE UNION SOUGHT AND RECEIVED
TUC SUPPORT FOR THE "EQUAL TIME" PORTION OF THE RESOLUTION,
ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE AND MANY OTHER ANTI-
MARKETEERS WOULD BE FIGHTING TOOTH AND NAIL TO GET BRITAIN
OUT OF THE EC. HE REFERRED TO BRUSSELS AS A
"MONSTROUSLY INFLATED TURGID BUREAUCRACY." IT IS CLEAR THAT
JUDGING FROM THE MOOD OF THIS CONGRESS, THE BRITISH LABOR
GOVERNMENT, IF IT FINDS THE POLITICAL WILL IN THE END
TO REMAIN IN THE EC, WILL HAVE TO WORK HARD TO TURN BACK
OR TO SOFTEN THE DEEP-SEATED ANTIPATHY OF MOST OF ITS
TRADE UNION ALLIES.

8. THE CONGRESS, IN ANOTHER POLICY RESOLUTION,
CALLED "FOR THE CLOSING OF ALL NUCLEAR BASES, BOTH
BRITISH AND AMERICAN, LOCATED IN BRITAIN OR IN BRITISH
WATERS." THIS AND OTHER DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL
DECISIONS OF THE TUC, INCLUDING ONE CALLING FOR BRITISH
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RECOGNITION OF THE "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT
OF SOUTH VIETNAM" AND THE REMOVAL OF U.S. OBSTACLES TO
PRG MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS (YET TO BE
DEBATED), WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SEPTEL.
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